

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A resin for light guiding plates comprising:

~~made of~~

a polymer and

0.01 ppm to 1000 ppm of a particulate diffusing agent;

wherein the polymer is obtained by a process which comprises:

~~prepared by~~

polymerizing a mixture comprising a polymerizable material consisting of methyl methacrylate alone or methyl methacrylate and a monofunctional acrylate, and a polyfunctional (meth)acrylate,

wherein the content of the monofunctional acrylate in the polymerizable material is 9 % by weight or less; and

the content of the polyfunctional (meth)acrylate in the mixture is 0.01 to 2 parts per 100 parts by weight of the polymerizable material.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (New): The resin for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises inorganic particles or organic cross-linked particles which is capable of improving an outgoing efficiency of light incident into the light guiding plates.

Claim 4 (New): The resin for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises inorganic particles selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, silica, barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (New): The resin for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises organic cross-linked particles selected from the group consisting of a methacrylic resin, a polystyrene resin, a silicone resin, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (New): The resin for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the particulate diffusing agent ranges of from 0.1 μm to 20 μm .

Claim 7 (New): The resin for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content of the particulate diffusing agent in the resin is in the range of 0.05 ppm to 100 ppm.

Claim 8 (New): A sheet for light guiding plates comprising the resin claimed in claim 1.

Claim 9 (New): A method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates claimed in claim 8, which comprises:

preparing a first mixture comprising the polymerizable material;

mixing the particulate diffusing agent with the first mixture to prepare a second mixture; and

polymerizing the polymerizable material in the second mixture in a mold.

Claim 10 (New): The method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 9, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises inorganic particles or organic cross-linked particles which is capable of improving an outgoing efficiency of light incident into the light guiding plates.

Claim 11 (New): The method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 9, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises inorganic particles selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, silica, barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (New): The method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 9, wherein the particulate diffusing agent comprises organic cross-linked particles selected from the group consisting of a methacrylic resin, a polystyrene resin, a silicone resin, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (New): The method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 9, wherein the average particle size of the particulate diffusing agent ranges of from 0.1 μm to 20 μm .

Claim 14 (New): The method for producing the sheets for light guiding plates as claimed in claim 9, wherein the content of the particulate diffusing agent in the second mixture ranges of from 0.05 ppm to 100 ppm.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT

The specification is amended to show the relationship of the present application with previous applications.

Claims 1-2 are pending.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of original Claim 2. Accordingly, Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 is also amended in order to improve readability and to specify that the diffusing agent is in a particle form. Support for this amendment is found on page 5, lines 18-19; page 5, lines 24-25; and page 10, lines 13-15.

Claims 3-14 are added. Support for these claims is found in the originally filed specification as indicated in the following table.

Claim(s)	Support
3-5 and 10-12	page 5, lines 16-23
6 and 13	page 5, lines 24-26
7 and 14	page 6, lines 5-6
8	page 13, lines 1-7
9	Example 1, page 10

Applicants note that Claims 4-5 and 11-12 contain Markush language with the phrase "and mixtures thereof." This phrase is supported on page 5, lines 22-23.

Since the amendments are supported in the specification, no new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1 and 3-14 will be active.

Applicants note that Claim 8 is directed to a light guiding plate and that Claims 9-14 are directed to a method for making the light guiding plate. Applicants note that examination of the claims should not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner because Claims 8-14 are all either directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 1.